



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

March 9, 2007

**S. 494
NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on March 6, 2007*

S. 494 would endorse the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to include the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Croatia, Georgia, the Republic of Macedonia, and Ukraine. The bill also would authorize the appropriation in 2008 of such sums as may be necessary to provide military assistance to those countries.

Based on information from the Department of State in the documents that support its appropriation request for 2008, CBO estimates that about \$30 million would be sufficient to meet the authorized purposes. Based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that outlays would total \$12 million in 2008 and \$30 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 494 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 5, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 987, the NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on February 15, 2007. The two bills are similar and the estimated costs for both bills are the same.

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